

# Prodigal Son

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 15:12-32.

## II. Two types of negative human attitudes.

A. An attitude that thinks someone owes us something. (Psalm 106:15)

1. Often we get what we ask for and we are sorry for it.
2. Repentance requires a change of mind and fruit that is consistent with it. (Matthew 3:2-8)
3. The prodigal son saw his need, admitted it and acted upon it.
4. Seeing the Father's love draws us to repentance. (Jeremiah 31:33)
5. God celebrates our return to him.

B. A prideful attitude that believes one has earned his place.

1. This attitude does not bring one any closer to God.
2. Many Christians find importance or acceptance in their activities. (Luke 16:15)
3. God accepts us the way we are, and we need to accept ourselves for the way we are. (Jeremiah 31:33)

## III. Both attitudes need confession and forgiveness.

### Application questions:

1. What are some ways that an attitude of entitlement manifests itself in your life?

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2. What does genuine repentance look like?

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3. What place does self-acceptance have in the Christian life? Explain.

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